

FAX

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RE: Ser. No. 09/670,129	DATE: June 1, 2005

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Dear Examiner Sharon:

Please find attached a brief summary of the points I would like to discuss with you today during our telcon scheduled for 1 PM, EST. I apologize for not sending this sooner.

Regards,

Mike Scaturro

Dear Examiner Sharon,

Please find an outline of the issues I would like to raise during our telephone conference, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday morning June 1 at 11 AM EST.

First Issue - I do not believe that Lometti teaches or discloses the performance of a secondary task, as recited in independent Claim 10:

the performance of a secondary task in each of a plurality of networked devices, wherein performing the secondary task in a first one of the plurality of networked devices includes generation, per time step, of a respective numerical value that depends on a corresponding numerical value in each of the others of the plurality of networked devices at a previous time step.

You cite Lometti at: Abstract, Col. 1, lines 5-65 (the background) and at col. 2, lines 22-55

Second Issue - I do not believe that Lometti teaches or discloses an element of independent Claim 10, which recites in part :

the receiving at a control server, the numerical values generated by the plurality of networked devices.

You cite Lometti at Abstract, Col. 3, lines 35-57 – receiving at a control server, update information regarding the state of each of the plurality of networked devices.

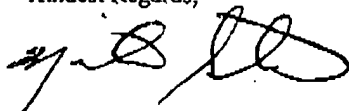
Third Issue - In the Office Action, you allege that “Trace Identifiers” correspond to the claimed “numerical values”. However, the claim explicitly recites, generating, per time step, numerical values for each of the simulated tasks. Lometti does not teach or disclose the generation, per time step, of numerical values (Trace Identifiers).

Fourth Issue - I do not believe that Lometti teaches or discloses

simulating in the control server, the secondary task of each of the plurality of networked devices, wherein simulating the secondary task in the control server includes generating, per time step, numerical values for each of the simulated secondary tasks, based at least upon the received update information..

You cite Lometti at Abstract, Col. 1, lines 5-65, Col. 2, lines 22-55 – receiving at a control server, update information regarding the state of each of the plurality of networked devices.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Scaturro".

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